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1. IN FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE QTE THOUGHT GROUP UNQTE AND IN NAC DISCUSSIONS, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO SUPPORT THE CANADIAN PROPOSED REVISIONS OF PARA 3 AND 4 OF THE NATO DECLARATION CONTAINED REFTEL. IN TAKING THIS APPROACH, YOU SHOULD ASSOCIATE YOUR VIEWS AS APPROPRIATE WITH THOSE EXPRESSED BY CANADIAN REP IN SPEAKING NOTES ALSO CONTAINED REFTEL.

2. WITH REGARD TO CHARACTERIZATION OF THE EUROPEAN CONTRIBUTION TO ALLIED CONVENTIONAL FORCES IN PARA 5, YOU MAY AGREE TO THE FORMULATION, QTE THREE-QUARTERS OF THE CONVENTIONAL STRENGTH OF THE ALLIANCE IN EUROPE, UNQTE RATHER THAN QTE NINETY PERCENT OF THE MEN UNDER ARMS IN EUROPE. UNQTE.

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EM CONCERNING REFERENCE TO US-USSR AGREEMENT ON THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR, YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO RESIST SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE AGREEMENT. IN MAINTAINING US POSITION, YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT US DOES NOT INTEND TO BE

ONLY ALLY, AMONG MANY ALLIED THAT HAVE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH USSR, TO BE CITED IN DECLARATION. MOREOVER, ON SECOND THOUGH, WE WOULD PREFER TO SUBSTITUTE FOR OUR EARLIER FORMULATION, QTE NONETHELESS, THE ALLIES REAFFIRM THAT THE AID OF THEIR POLICIES IS TO PREVENT WAR IN ALL ITS FORMS AND NOT TO LAY DOWN RULES AND LIMITS UNDER WHICH WAR WOULD BE WAGED" THE FOLLOWING NEW FORMULATION, "NONETHELESS, THE ALLIES REAFFIRM THAT A MAJOR AIM OF THEIR POLICIES IS TO SEEK AGREEMENTS THAT WILL REDUCE THE RISK OF WAR." IN EXPLAINING THIS REFORMULATION, YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT, UPON REFLECTION, WE BELIEVE EARLIER FORMULATION PROPOSED BY US DID NOT TAKE ADEQUATE ACCOUNT OF THE FACT THAT WE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE DRAFTING OF AND ACCEDED TO NUMEROUS HAGUE CONVENTION AND DECLARATIONS ON THE RULES OF WARFARE. MOREOVER, WE ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN CURRENT MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE RED CROSS TO ELABORATE RULES FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION IN WARTIME. WE WOULD PREFER THAT THIS FORMULATION APPEAR AS A SEPARATE SECOND SENTENCE IN PARA 6, BUT YOU MAY ACCEPT IT AS FINAL SENTENCE OF PARA 5, IN WHICH CASE THE WORD, "NONETHELESS," WOULD BE DROPPED.

4. WITH REGARD TO PARA 5 OF THE FRENCH TEXT OF JANUARY 15, YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT WE WELCOME REFERENCE TO "ALLIANCE" IN FIRST SENTENCE OF FRENCH REVISION OF JANUARY 15, AND ADVANCE THE FOLLOWING FORMULATION WHICH WOULD FURTHER MEET POINT MADE BY LUNS, CANADIANS AND OTHERS CONCERNING THE DIFFERENTIATION IN THE THREAT IMPLICIT IN FRENCH FORMULATION, "TO PREVENT THE OUTBREAK OF A CONFLICT IN WHICH, THROUGH THE DESTRUCTION OF EUROPE'S INDEPENDENCE, ETC.":

"NEVERTHELESS, THE ALLIANCE MUST NOW PAY MORE CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THE DANGERS TO WHICH IT IS EXPOSED IN THE EUROPEAN REGION, AND MUST ADOPT ALL MEASURES NECESSARY TO AVERT THEM, THE COMMON AIM BEING TO MAINTAIN THE CAPACITY
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TO PREVENT AN ATTACK UPON THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE, OR ON ANY ONE OF ITS MEMBERS, SINCE SUCH A CONFLICT, PARTICULARLY IN THE EVENT OF THE LOSS OF EUROPE'S INDEPENDENCE, COULD RISK THE DOMINATION OF THE ENTIRE WORLD." KISSINGER

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